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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Arlington, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a petition for a <u>one-month</u> extension of the time to file a response to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2004 in the subject patent application. The due date for the response was April 23, 2004, and the present one month extension of time will provide for a response through May 23, 2004.

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